


REMARKS

The Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment responsive to the Examiner initiated interviews of July 8, 2010, and July 9, 2010, to advance prosecution of the present application to allowance. In particular, the Applicants have amended Claim 1 to provide clarification thereof, and the Applicants have rewritten Claims 2 and 56 in independent form. In addition, the Applicants have amended Claim 56 to recite "~~two~~ first and second legs" as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Claims 1-31 and 56-62 have been placed in a condition that the Examiner indicated to be allowable. The Applicants also added new dependent Claims 63 and 64 (depending from Claim 1), and new dependent Claims 63 and 64 are patentable at least as per the patentability of Claim 1 from which they depend. Moreover, Claims 30 and 31 were amended to correct minor informalities noted therein.

The Amendments presented herein have been made to advance prosecution of this application to allowance and without prejudice to the Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of claims as previously presented (e.g., in the Amendment of April 26, 2010, in the Preliminary Amendment of April 9, 2008, and/or in the originally filed application) in one or more continuing and/or divisional applications. The Applicants believe that this Statement satisfies all requirements of M.P.E.P. Sec 713.04. If the Examiner should believe that any further action should be required for compliance, however, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (919) 854-1400. No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0220.

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